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In re: Application of : Joel KAHN, et al.
Serial No. : 09/941,139 Group Art Unit: 2876
Filed : August 28, 2001 Examiner: K. Koyama
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACQUIRING
BAR CODE ENCODED INFORMATION

New York, New York
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 6, 2003, reconsideration of the rejection of main claims 30, 37 over Stevens in view of Maggard and Koenck is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge that the personal agent 11 of Stevens may be equipped with a bar code scanner (col. 6, lines 17-19) which communicates directly with a store computer or host (col. 6, lines 29-30). Also the professional unit 9, 101 could likewise be equipped with a bar code scanner (col. 18, lines 5-7) which communicates directly with a store computer or host 98 (col. 17, lines 38-40). In addition, the personal agent 11 and the professional unit 9 can exchange data with each other (col. 7, lines 51-53).

However, Stevens does not disclose that data read by the personal agent (or first reader) is communicated to the host via the professional unit (or second reader).

Applicants' second reader acts to "receive" the data from the first reader and then to "forward" the received data to the host. Stevens' professional unit does not receive and forward the data from the personal agent. Nor, of course, does Maggard or Koenck which are only concerned with a single reader.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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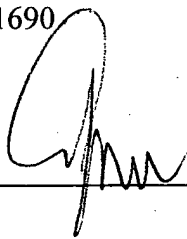
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